



Montgomery County
Department of Environmental Protection

RainScapes Gazette for Landscape Professionals

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International Year of Soil



The United Nations has declared 2015 the [International Year of Soils!](#)

As part of this global celebration and awareness campaign, the Soil Science Society of America has developed a set of 12 videos, each centered around a monthly theme.

The theme for June is [Soils Support Recreation](#).

Landscape Technology Program Registration

Montgomery College's Germantown Campus offers classes in Introduction to Plant Sciences, Introduction to Landscape Technology, Landscape Graphics, Pesticide Use & Safety, Pest Management, Turfgrass Management and Plant Materials

Classes start August 31st

For information or to register, click here: [Landscape Technology Program](#)



New App for Native Plants of North Georgia



Most of the plants in the app are native to the Maryland area as well.

Each plant listing is accompanied by a photograph and a brief plant description. The description contains the common name, scientific name, leaf description, flower description, habitat and plant uses (for historic perspective only). Plants are grouped according to their bloom times. A few native ferns and mosses are also included.

Available for Android, iPhone and iPad [here](#).



RainScapes is a program provided by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection which promotes and implements projects which reduce stormwater runoff volume and improve water quality on properties within Montgomery County.

To find out more, go to rainscapes.org.